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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Joint Computer Support

SUBJECT : Proposed FY 77-78 R&D Program

REFERENCES : a) Memo fr D/ORD to D/OJCS dtd 5 Dec 75,
Subj: FY 77-78 Planning for Research
and Exploratory Development (ORD-5115-75)
b) Memo fr D/OJCS to D/ORD dtd 24 Feb 76,
Same Subject (OJCS-302-76)

1. As outlined in Reference a), we are nearing the end of the planning cycle for the FY 77-78 ORD program. The attached listing shows the funding actions we propose to take as they relate to the candidate projects you reviewed and ranked in Reference b). Brief statements are included on the reasons for not including some requirements in the program plan.

2. The effort your people made in gathering and reviewing R&D requirements is much appreciated. It deserved comparable care on our part in analyzing competing needs. The factors we considered in our program included customer priority, potential payoff, available and projected technology, available ORD manpower and budget, as well as the relationship of a given project to the Agency-wide tasking of ORD. Budgetary constraints, of course, were the primary limiting factor in determining the requirements that we cannot service. Indeed, total customer requirements exceeded the total of the ORD FY 77 budget mark and FY 78 proposed budget by approximately 50%.

3. The FY 77 operating plan is reasonably firm at this point. The FY 78 program plan, of course, is much more tentative and is likely to be revised upon review at each management level. If you have serious reservations

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about the proposed support which would require adjustments,
please advise us by 2 April 1976 so that we can meet the
DD/S&T Program Call deadline of 15 April 1976.

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Director of Research and Development

Attachment
As stated

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